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For: **MODIFIED DNA MOLECULE, RECOMBINANT CONTAINING THE MOLECULE, AND USE THEREOF**

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated **July 15, 2003**.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-18 and 20; Group (II), Claims 1-18 and 20; Group (III), Claims 1-18 and 20; Group (IV), Claim 19; Group (V), Claim 19; and Group (VI), Claim 19.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (I), Claims 1-18 and 20 for prosecution in this application.

Election of species is also required between (A) SEQ. ID NO: 1 and (B) SEQ. ID NO: 2. Applicants hereby elect species (B) SEQ. ID NO: 2. Applicants submit that claims 1-18 and 20 read on this elected species.

This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. 120 and 35 U.S.C. 121 are retained.

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